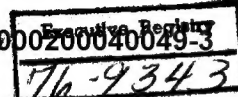




DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

WASHINGTON, D. C.



14 May 1976

Dear Hal.

As I told you the other
night I am most grateful for your
letter and the kind thoughts it contained.

I do not worry too much about
the press. I know that if I had done
anything even remotely wrong I would
not be here four years later.

Thanks for your friendly thought.
Good luck and much happiness and
success to you and yours
Faithfully



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VICE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS

1 May 1976

Dear Dick,

I note from comments in the press that you will be retiring in the near future. I also note a lot of uncomplimentary nonsense about you in various articles which I know to be nothing more than pap.

First of all, I want to say I am sorry to see you retiring. There are not many Dick Walters' around, and we can ill afford to lose you. Nonetheless, at this stage of your career, I can see your reasoning for your decision.

I simply want to say that for my money, Dick Walters is a hell of a guy. I value very much our past associations and our friendship. I wish you well in your retirement and the very best of good fortune in future endeavors.

Most sincerely,

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